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Your letter of 14 October 1958 to [redacted] Virginia, has been given to CIA requesting a decision as to whether this Agency is interested in a tv espionage series to be written by you and whether it would lend its name and provide de-classified case histories for such a series.

The National Security Act of 1947 makes the Director of Central Intelligence responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, and the "CIA" Act of 1949 provides that the Director will not disclose the organization, function, name, official titles, salaries, or number of persons employed by this Agency.

Therefore, this Agency, in the interests of national security and in compliance with the law, could not participate in an "espionage series" as you request and will not lend its name to any tv program and of course will not de-classify and make available any case histories such as you request.

It is noted that you are a former employee in a sensitive area of CIA. At the time of the termination of your employment with CIA in September 1954 it is also noted that you signed a "termination agreement" in which you agreed, among other things, not to divulge U.S. intelligence methods. In view of your announced plans to do a tv series concerning intelligence activities this matter is brought to your attention.

Thank you for having raised the questions you did in your letter of 14 October 1958. We regret that we may not, in the interests of national security, give you a more favorable reply.

Sincerely,

O/DCI/SJGrogan:ppp (22 Oct 58)

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 3. Dir/Security, 10/24/58, (by phone)
- (SJC also informed the DCI of his action in sending the letter.)